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TO: Submitting Police Departments

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RE: 2008 marijuana simple possession cases

Laboratory Number: _____

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health Drug Analysis Laboratory is returning this suspected marijuana sample received in 2008 without analysis. This decision was made considering the length of time since the date of arrest, the small nature of the case, and the subsequent passage of the new marijuana law effective January 2, 2009.

The Drug Analysis Laboratory is faced with the challenge of best utilizing limited resources and will continue to focus efforts on more timely and higher priority samples going forward.

* This memo is sufficient for Drug Destruction purposes*